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SUBJECT: REACTIVATION OF SAIGON POWER PROJECT

REF: (A) TREASURY 78-81, (B) MANILA 09679

1. AT JUNE 29 MEETING OF ADB BOARD OF DIRECTORS, U.S.
ALTERNATE DIRECTOR RECORDED NEGATIVE U.S. VOTE ON REACTI-
VATION OF SAIGON POWER LOAN, AS REQUESTED PER REF A. ALL
OTHER DIRECTORS, EXCEPT UK DIRECTOR FRYER (UK, GERMANY,
AUSTRIA), SUPPORTED REACTIVATION. FRYER DID NOT SPEAK.
FYI ONLY: FRYER SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD ME IN STRICT CONFIDENCE
(NOT FOR DISCLOSURE TO HIS OWN GOVERNMENT) THAT HE WAS
UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM UK GOVERNMENT NOT TO SPEAK ON
PROJECT. HE TOLD ME, HOWEVER, THAT BOTH GERMANY AND
AUSTRIA FULLY SUPPORTED PROJECT AND THAT THIS WAS CON-
SISTENT WITH THEIR GENERAL APPROACH TO INDOCHINA IN ADB.
HE ALSO SAID THAT IT DID NOT NECESSARILY FOLLOW THAT HE
WOULD SIMILARLY REFRAIN FROM SPEAKING ON SUBSEQUENT
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PROJECTS FOR VIETNAM, AND IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT
EACH PROJECT WOULD BE CONSIDERED ON ITS MERITS. (MY
GUESS IS -- ALTHOUGH I DID NOT PRESS HIM ON THIS -- THAT
UK MAY WELL SUPPORT PROJECTS THAT ARE OF MAJOR BENEFIT TO
POOREST PEOPLE, AND THAT IT IS A COMBINATION OF A GENERAL
UK APPROACH TO VIETNAM AS WELL AS NATURE OF PROJECT.
APPARENTLY, UK MAY HAVE SAME VIEW ON LAOS.) END FYI ONLY.

2. SWEDISH ALTERNATE DIRECTOR, WHO REPRESENTED CANADA, NETHERLANDS AND SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES AND WHO HAD SERVED IN HANOI AT TIME OF VIETNAM CONFLICT, SUGGESTED THAT EVENTUALLY THERE WOULD BE NEED FOR SOME KIND OF PERMANENT ADB REPRESENTATION IN VIETNAM.

3. PRESIDENT YOSHIDA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR UNDERSTANDING AND PATIENCE OF BOARD MEMBERS WITH REGARD TO DELAYS IN REACTIVATING PROJECT. HE SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT BANK CAN PROCEED MORE EXPEDITIOUSLY IN FUTURE.
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